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SUBJ: OTTAWAY QUERY RE FMS TO ETHIOPIA

1. WASH POST CORRESPONDENT DAVID OTTAWAY HAS APPROACHED EMB FOR VERIFICATION OF REPORT HE HAS RECEIVED FROM UNNAED EPMG SOURCE THAT USG PLANS TO PROVIDE ETHIOPIA US\$300 MILLION IN AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT ON FMS CREDIT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

2. EMBOFF REPLIED 300 MILLION DOL FMS CREDIT FIGURE WAS PREPOSTEROUS AND SUGGESTED FIGURE MIGHT REPRESENT A POSSIBLE "WISH LIST" BEING DREAMED UP IN ETHIOPIAN MONND. EMBOFF THEN REVIEWED, IN GENERAL, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GRANT, FMS CREDIT AND CASH MILITARY SALES, NOTING THAT THE RECENT \$7 MILLION AMMO RE-SUPPLY WAS A CASH PURCHASE.

3. COMMENT: OTTAWAY ADMITS THAT HE HAS AN ETHIOPIAN MOND SOURCE WHO OPPOSES THE MILITARY ACTION IN ERITREA. IN THE PAST, OTTAWAY HAS DEVELOPED AND REPORTED INFO FROM THIS SOURCE CONCERNING US MILITARY AID TO ETHIOPIA. SOME OF THIS INFO HAS BEEN QUITE ACCRATE.
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